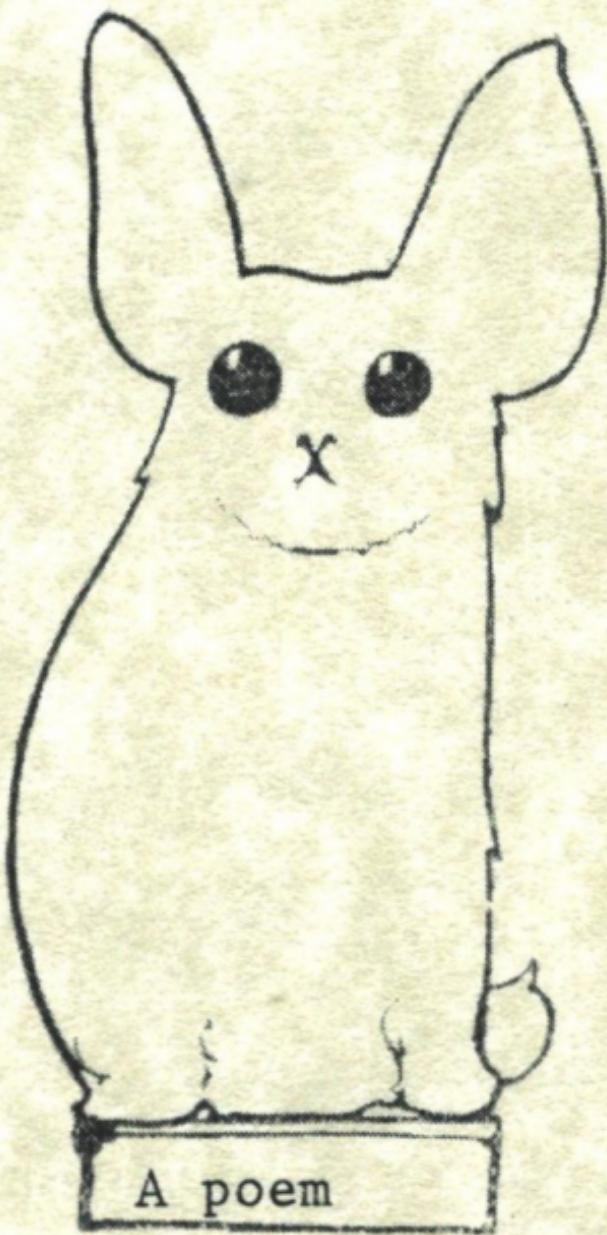


**APOLOGY
FOR DESIRE**



1.

Hi.

You really move
the corners of my mouth.
I've got good news again
this time.

You are an animal.

It is so good to see you.

You are an animal.

I'm sorry you had to
lie about it so long

Lie that you
are not an animal

2.

I'm here now to stay
and hate them with you
Your empty-glass-acting
animal family
Who taught you shame
for it.
How long did it take them
to teach you to wince away
at being enfleshed?

What do you mean,
"How can I hate my family?"
It's so much simpler
this way
Than hating your own body.

3.

Heresy next.

Hate just as long as
the second it takes to
Turn around and start going.

Now heresy.

No more sugared bleach
for you, pet.
Too late for me,
but you can move now.

Hi.

Good morning.

Sorry I dropped out,
I stopped because it's too
simple to speak:
Desire is it.

4.

Desire is what,
the next day,
Makes me (I truly
am sorry) leave you
and the lesson untaught

I will fill
The empty pages
With animal drawings

5.



6.



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